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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/735,739

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shantanu Sarkar, et al.  
Serial No. 09/735,739  
Filing Date: December 12, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2616  
Confirmation No. 7468  
Examiner: Shick C. Hom  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING AN EXTERNAL  
TRANSCODER IN A COMMUNICATION SESSION

**MAIL STOP AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the amendments and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.